## **State of South Dakota**

## EIGHTY-FOURTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2009

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## SENATE BILL NO. 186

Introduced by: Senator Olson (Russell)

- 1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the imposition of a late payment fee for
- 2 unpaid child support.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 Section 1. That chapter 25-7 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
- 5 follows:
- Any payment or installment of support under an order for support, as defined by § 25-7A-1,
- 7 which is unpaid after the date it is due, is subject to a late payment fee equal to fifteen percent
- 8 of the child support which became delinquent as of that date if the obligor had the ability to pay
- 9 the support as of that date. The late payment fee is a judgment by operation of law as provided
- 10 for under § 25-7-7.4. The support obligee or the secretary of the Department of Social Services
- may enforce collection of the late payment fee by any lawful means, and the court may award
- 12 attorney fees. The late payment fee is payable to the support obligee or assignee.